

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a processor; and
a memory comprising firmware executable by the processor to cause the processor to:
operate a print mechanism in accordance with a first state associated with a capability of the print mechanism;
transmit first information associated with a selection to a server;
receive second information from the server, where the second information is based on the first information;
change the first state associated with the capability to a second state in response to receiving ~~first~~ the second information from the server ~~an external interface~~; and
operate the print mechanism in accordance with the second state associated with the capability.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a disabled state, and wherein the second state comprises an enabled state.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a first level of performance, and wherein the second state comprises a second level of performance.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the ~~first~~ second

information comprises an encryption key.

5.- 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

detect a user input associated with the capability;

provide ~~second~~ the first information associated with the user input to ~~[[a]]~~ the server using ~~[[the]]~~ an external interface; and

receive the ~~first~~ second information associated with the capability of the print mechanism in response to providing the ~~second~~ first information to the server.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

provide the ~~second~~ first information associated with the user input to the server by providing the ~~second~~ first information to a computer system coupled to the external interface.

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a print mechanism;

a print engine configured to operate the print mechanism;

means for receiving a first selection of a first capability associated with the print mechanism;

means for transmitting the first selection to a server;

means for receiving first information associated with the first selection from [[a]]
the server; and

means for changing a first indicator associated with the first capability from a first
state to a second state in response to receiving the first information.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

a functional unit operable by the print engine;

means for receiving a second selection of a second capability associated with the
functional unit;

means for receiving second information associated with the second selection from
the server; and

means for changing a second indicator associated with the second capability from
a third state to a fourth state in response to receiving the second information.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is
configured to perform a facsimile function.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is
configured to perform a scanner function.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a
performance capability.

14. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises an upgrade capability.

15. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a functional capability.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a renewal capability.

17. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a selection of a capability associated with a print engine from a user;
transmitting the selection to a server;
receiving information from the server, where the information is based on the
selection; and
enabling the capability in response to receiving the information associated with the capability from [[a]] the server.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:
receiving a list of selectable capabilities from the server, the list including the capability.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:
providing an interface for the user to select the capability from the list.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
providing an interface for the user to enter the payment information.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
providing ~~the selection and~~ the payment information to the server.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
receiving information associated with the capability from the server in response to
providing the selection and the payment information to the server.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising
receiving payment information associated with the selection from the user.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein enabling the
capability in response to receiving the information associated with the capability from ~~[[a]]~~ the
server comprises changing a print speed of the print engine.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein enabling the
capability in response to receiving the information associated with the capability from ~~[[a]]~~ the
server comprises changing a print resolution of the print engine.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein enabling the
capability in response to receiving the information associated with the capability from ~~[[a]]~~ the

server comprises upgrading software or hardware.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

receiving a selection of a capability associated with a functional unit from [[a]]

the user;

receiving from [[a]] the server, information associated with the capability

associated with the functional unit; and

enabling the capability associated with the functional unit, in response to

receiving from [[a]] the server, information associated with the capability associated with the functional unit.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the capability

associated with the functional unit comprises a facsimile capability.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the capability

associated with the functional unit comprises a scanner capability.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the firmware is

further executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

operate a functional unit in accordance with a third state associated with a

capability of the functional unit;

change the third state associated with the capability of the functional unit to a fourth state in response to receiving ~~second~~ third information from the server ~~external interface~~; and

operate the functional unit in accordance with the fourth state associated with the capability of the functional unit.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a facsimile function.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a scanner function.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the capability of the print mechanism comprises a print speed.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the capability of the print mechanism comprises a print resolution.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the capability of the print mechanism comprises a software or hardware upgrade.